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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 13 August 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 13 November 2002. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 13 January 2003 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The considered claims, claims 1-6 and 14 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is the following Exhibit A: Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.